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SUBJECT: Weekly DLA-CIA Violations Report

The seventh DLA-CIA weekly violations report covering the period March 30-April 5, 1973 is summarized below.

Movement of Supplies

North Vietnamese logistic activity in southern Laos and South Vietnam continued during this week at the same high levels detected throughout March. Heavy vehicle activity was observed over the length of the Laos Panhandle. Large quantities of military supplies have been shipped toward the central and southern parts of South Vietnam. The logistic buildup in Quang Tri Province equals or exceeds that observed just before and during the 1972 offensive. Input from North Vietnam into the Laos Panhandle increased slightly over the previous week's level. The following are some specific examples of logistics activity:

-- On March 31, 137 cargo trucks were observed on Route 9 in western Quang Tri Province (headed both east and west).

-- 83 trucks were observed in the Khe Sanh area on April 3. (35 were parked.)

-- A total of 98 cargo trucks moved south through the DMZ along Route 1033 during the week.

-- During the week, an average of about 37 trucks a day have entered Laos over the Bon Karai Pass.

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-- In the upper part of the Ho Chi Minh Trail complex (i. e., on Routes 99 and 920), over 100 loaded trucks were observed moving South on April 5.

### **Infiltration**

The infiltration input seems to have largely stopped--at least for the time being. Most of the 35,000 personnel who were in or who entered the pipeline after January 28 are believed to have reached their destinations in or near South Vietnam. (DIA believes that 10,000 are still in the pipeline, but CIA sets the figure at only 5,000.) (It should be noted that the total personnel augmentation this dry season [i. e., infiltrators plus released POWs] is now greater than before the 1972 offensive.)

An additional SA-2 (SAM) site was established near Khe Sanh during the week, bringing the total to nine sites. In addition, two radar-controlled 57 mm AAA batteries have been set up ten miles east of Khe Sanh. (Radar-controlled AAA batteries are rare in South Vietnam.)

### **Communist Attacks**

Attacks reportedly initiated by the Communist side dropped to 102 major violations from the previous week's 118, but minor violations increased from 577 to 596. Most violations were attacks-by-fire against ARVN positions (notably Tonle Cham).

During the week there were significant Communist-initiated incidents in Laos near the Plain of Jars and west of Saravane. In the rest of the country activity has been low, but there have been indications that the Communists plan to step up attacks in the Plain of Jars area.